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THE RESET ELEVATOR

EPISODE ONE



WHAT'S UP
WITH HER?

SHE LOOKS
TOTALLY
OUT OF IT.

I THINK LAST NIGHT
SHE TRIED A RESET BUT
RAN AWAY HALFWAY
THROUGH.

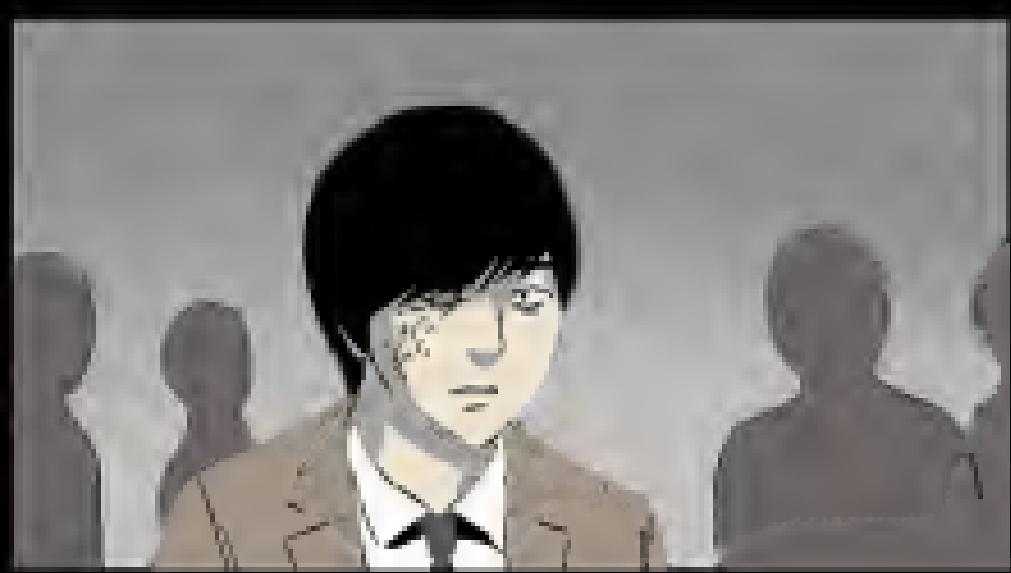
I'D NEVER HAVE
THE NERVE TO TRY
THAT.

THEY CALL IT A RESET, BUT
IT'S MORE LIKE SUICIDE.

SHE SEEMS LIKE
THE TYPE WHO'D
TRY IT

I GUESS IT'S TRUE
WHAT THEY SAY...

A RESET'LL EITHER KILL
YOU OR MAKE YOU INSANE





HEY, CAPTAIN
BLACKBEARD!

WATCH WHERE
YOU'RE GOING!

STEP

STEP



DO YOU THINK BLACKBEARD
OVER THERE'S DONE A RESET?

HAHA

I WOULDN'T BE
SURPRISED.

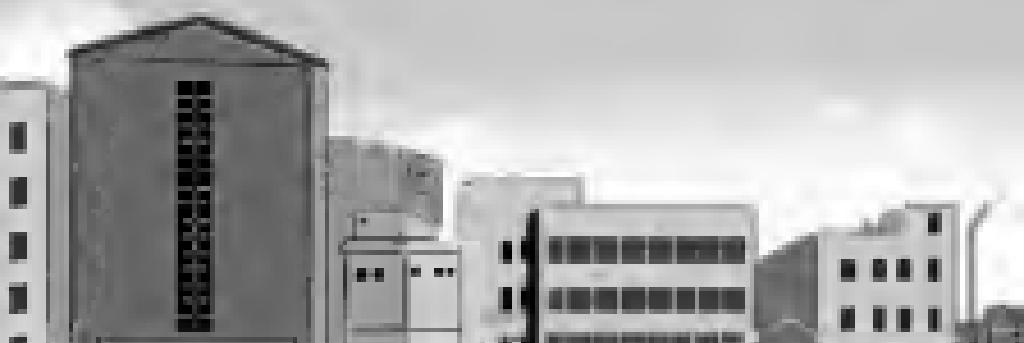
RESET.

A RESET IS A KIND OF RITUAL THAT ALLOWS
YOU TO DEFY THE LAWS OF SPACETIME
AND GO BACK TO THE MOMENT YOU WERE BORN,
KIND OF LIKE A TIME MACHINE.
BASICALLY, IT'S A WAY OF RESTARTING YOUR LIFE.

ACTUALLY, I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT AT FIRST EITHER.
I FIGURED IT WAS JUST A STUPID OCCULT RUMOUR
THAT SOMEBODY HAD MADE UP.

BUT I KEPT HEARING ABOUT STRANGE STORIES
ABOUT IT, AND I STARTED TO BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE
REAL.

OF COURSE, I STILL DON'T KNOW ALL THE DETAILS
ABOUT IT...





MY NAME'S JAEYOUNG SHIN, PEOPLE IN MY CLASS
USUALLY CALL ME NAMES LIKE "BLACKBEARD", OR
"THE PIRATE KING."



AND THIS DILAPIDATED, MOLDY UNDERGROUND ROOM..
IS WHERE I LIVE WITH MY GRANDMA.



I'M BACK.

HI, DAEYOUNG...





ANYONE CAN TELL FROM SEEING ME THAT
I'M NEVER GONNA BE MUCH IN LIFE.



IF THERE'S A GOD, THEN MY LIFE IS JUST A TOY
HE'S PLAYING AROUND WITH.

WELL,

EVER SINCE I GOT HOME FROM THE LAST PRINTERIE, I HAVEN'T BEEN HAPPY. NOT SINCE MY PARENTS GOT DIVORCED. EVERYONE AT SCHOOL TEASES ME. THEY ALL MAKE FUN OF THE LINE I GOT IN MY ACCIDENT WHEN I WAS LITTLE. BUT I DON'T CARE. THOSE CARS ONE HIT ABOUT HAD IT COMING. ME TOO. I'M NOT GOOD AT STUDYING, AND I DON'T HAVE A SINGLE FRIEND. HOW COULD SOMEONE EVER GET ANYTHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN LIFE? I'M NOT GOOD AT COOKING, AND I DON'T HAVE A COOK. PERHAPS, HOW COULD SOMEONE LIKE ME HAVE ANYTHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN LIFE.

BUT I'M NOT GONNA BE HIS PLAYTHING ANY MORE.

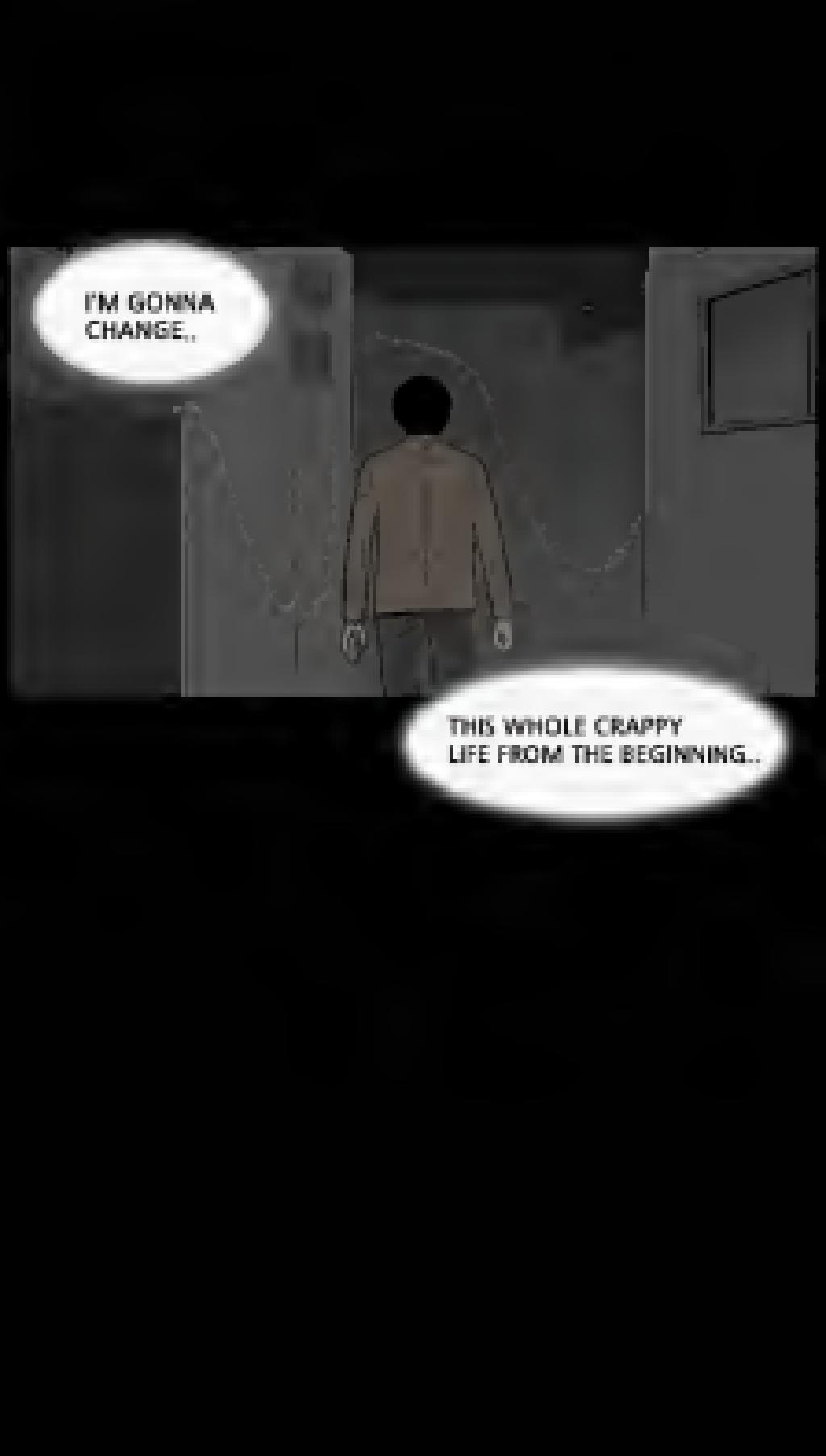
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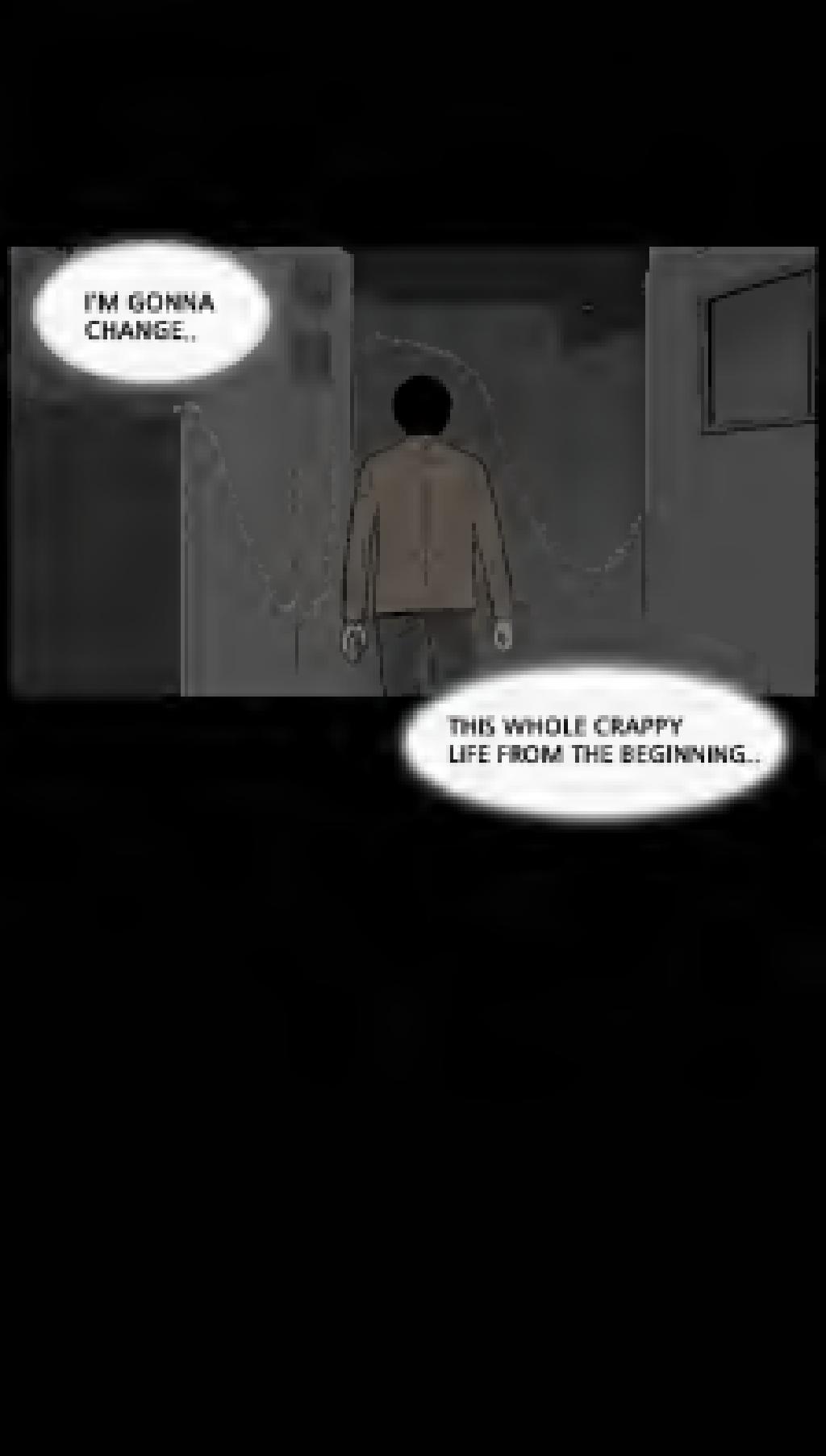


I'M SORRY,
GRANDMA.

I'LL TRY NOT TO
DISAPPOINT YOU
IN MY NEXT LIFE.

A black and white photograph of a man standing in a dark room. He is wearing a light-colored, long-sleeved shirt and dark pants. His head is completely blacked out. He is looking towards the left. A speech bubble originates from his mouth.

I'M GONNA
CHANGE..

A black and white photograph of the same man from the previous panel, now looking towards the right. A speech bubble originates from his mouth.

THIS WHOLE CRAPPY
LIFE FROM THE BEGINNING..



THIS BUILDING IS WHERE I LIVED AS A CHILD..
I KNOW IT PRETTY WELL,
SO I CHOSE IT AS THE SPOT FOR THE RESET.



IT NEEDS TO BE 2 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING,
AND YOU NEED AT LEAST A TEN-STORY BUILDING.



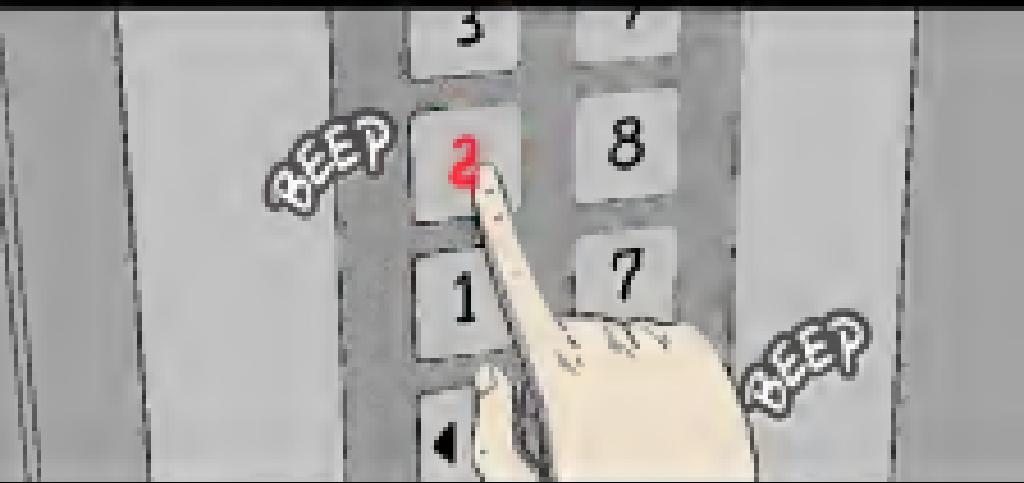
AND THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THE ELEVATOR.
THIS IS WHERE THE RESET HAPPENS.





STEP

THE RITUAL IS SIMPLE.



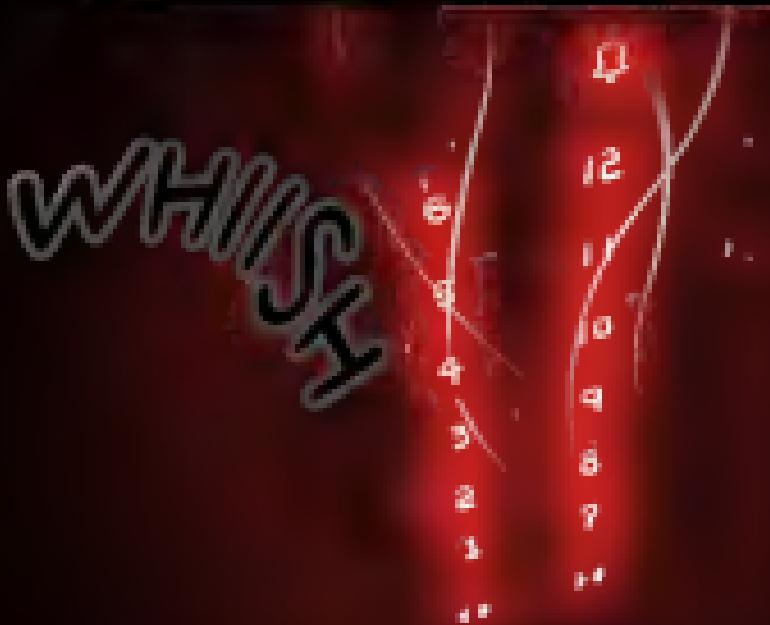
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PRESS 10 FOR 00

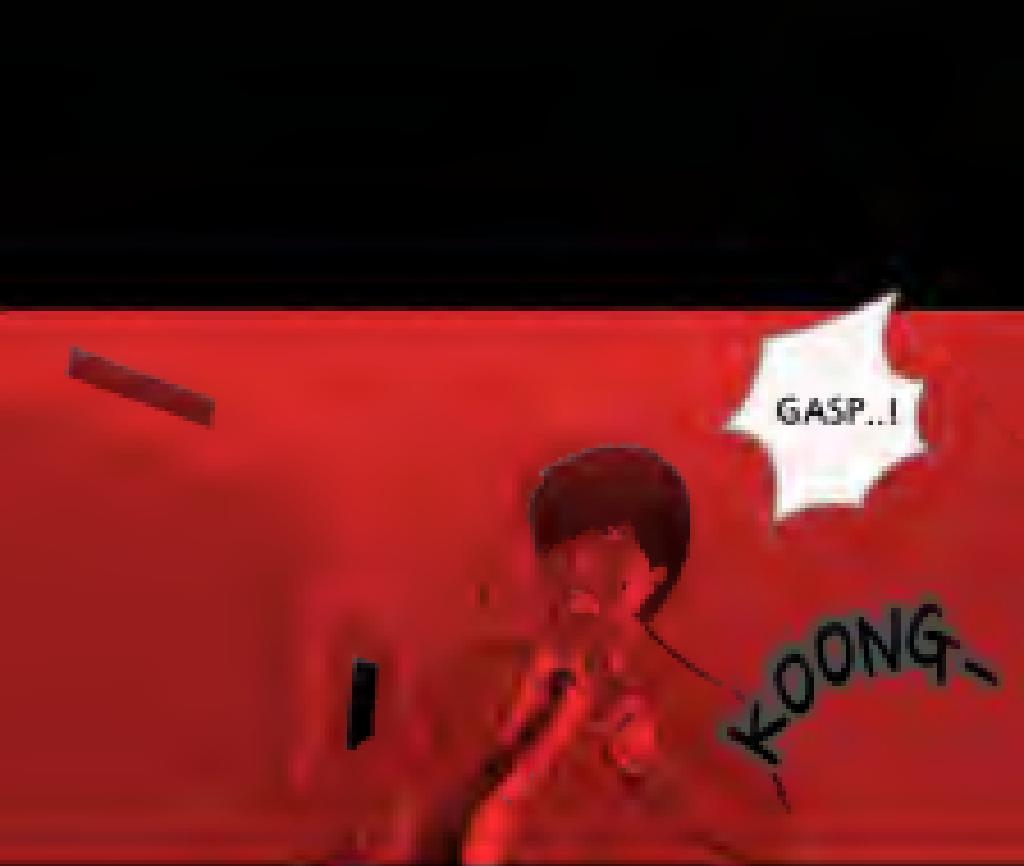


AND THEN PRESS THE OPEN AND
CLOSE BUTTONS AT THE SAME TIME...



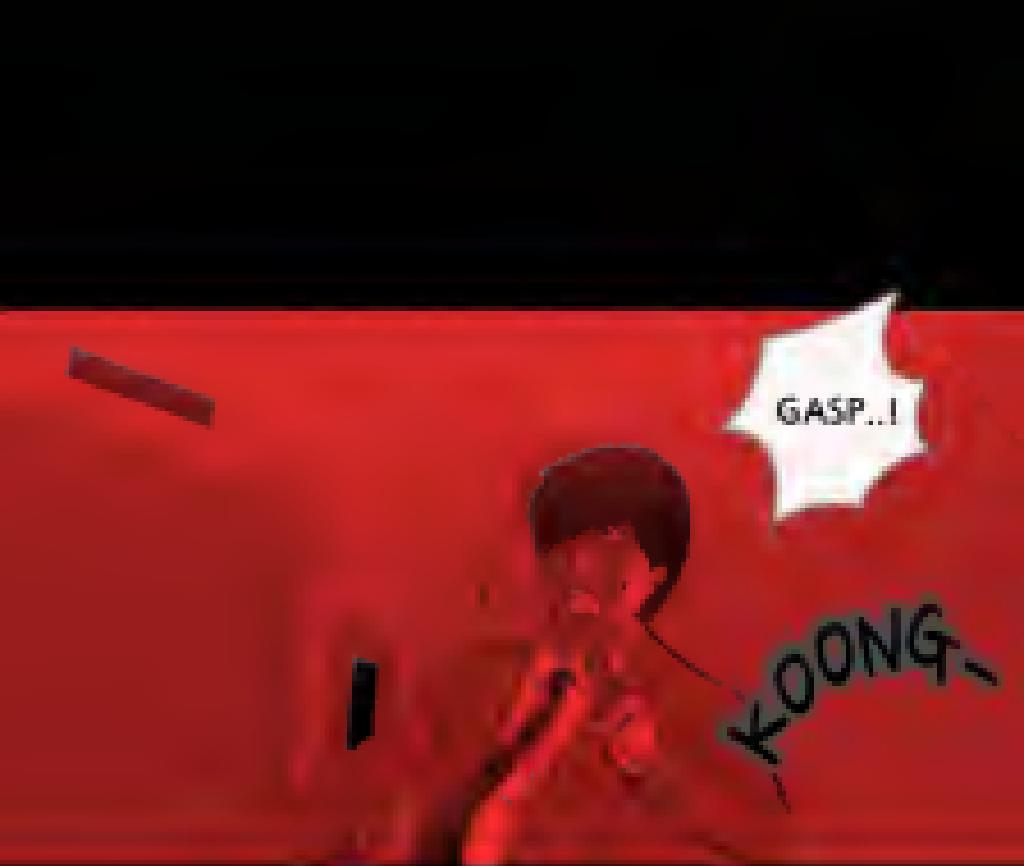
THEY'RE ALL UP, I?





GASP...!

KOOONG



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RRRR



RRRRRRRRRR

AAAHHHH

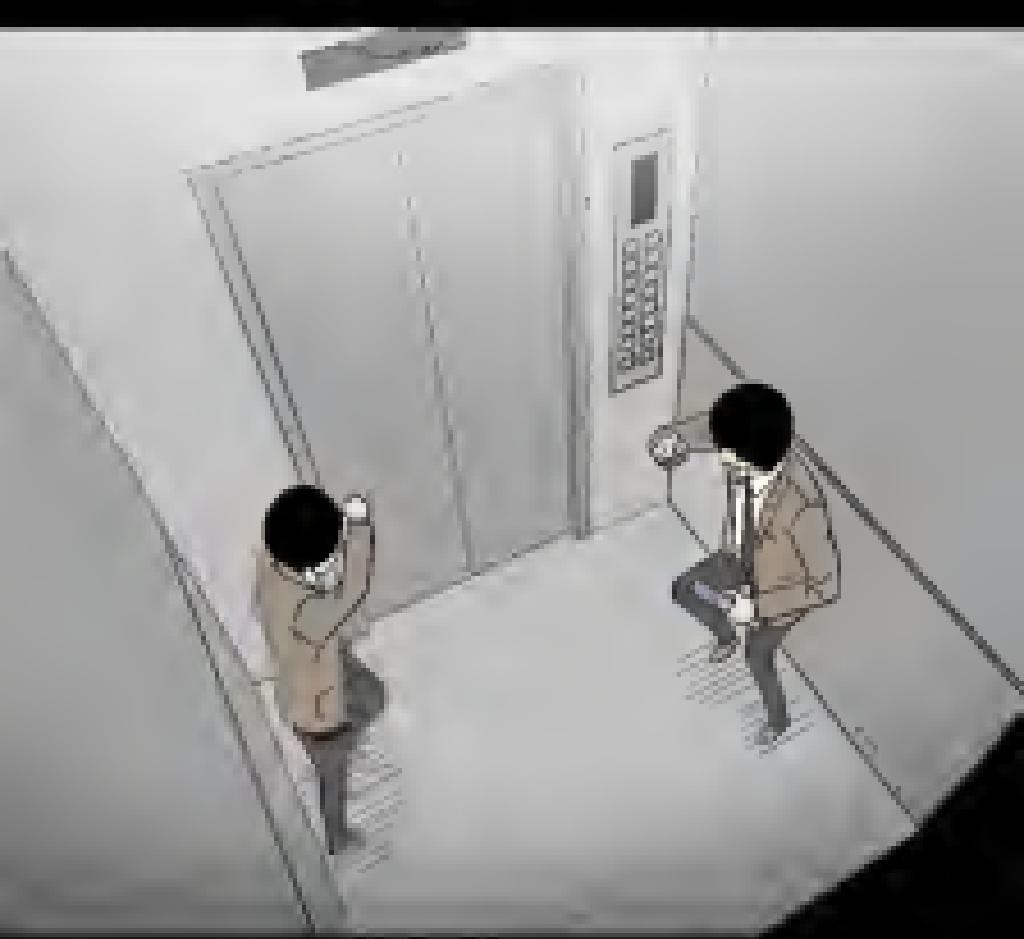
ASH



UGH...!

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N-NO..





YOU TOO..?

A RESET..?

TO COMPLETE THE RESET..



YOU HAVE TO KILL THE
COPY OF YOURSELF
IN THE ELEVATOR...I



BUT WAIT.. I THOUGHT
IT'D JUST BE ME KILLING HIM..

IT'S AS IF WE BOTH
SUMMONED EACH OTHER
FROM DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS..

THIS DOESN'T FEEL LIKE
HOW OTHER PEOPLE
DESCRIBED IT..!

HS THAT A ..



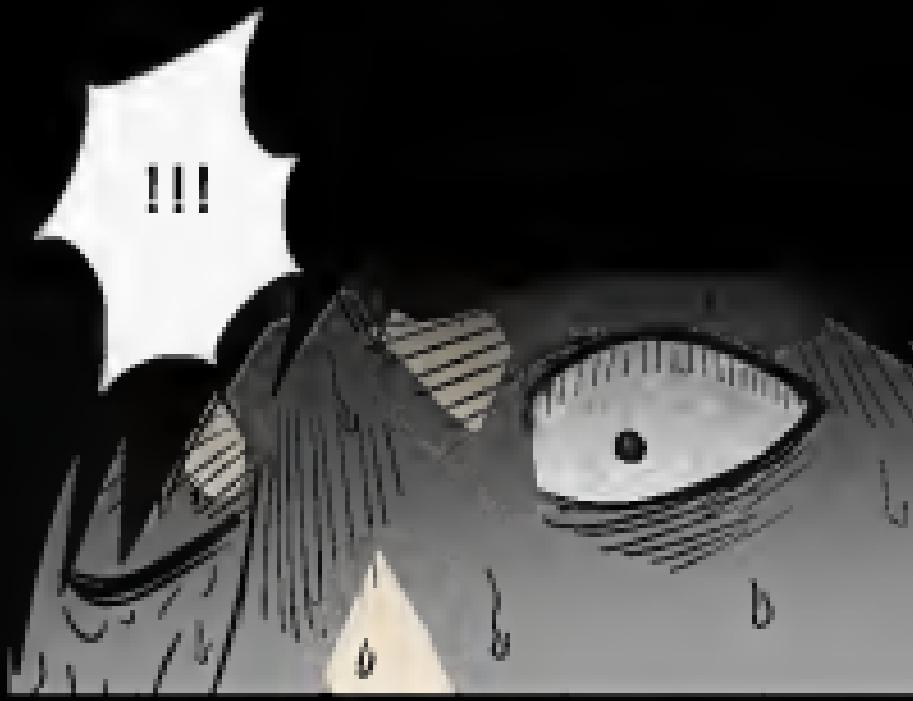
KNIFE...?





W-WAIT...

FLUTTER





To be continued.